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TOPIC	Mahlwinkel Airfield		25X1
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1. In late November, the leveling of Mahlwinkel airfield was completed except for a small portion at the eastern end of the field, which remained to be rolled. About 80 percent of the surface of the field was covered with cinders, while the remainder was covered with humus. Construction of a runway was not observed. The tree roots in the approach lanes had not yet been extracted. Some of the timber felled was being hauled away. 25X1
2. On 30 November, [REDACTED] the surface of the field was still soft. Most of the foremen at the field doubted that the desired solidity would ever be achieved. In the course of November, more than 140 workers were dismissed at the field. In late November, 150 workers were still employed there. It appeared that the installation would definitely be completed by 15 December 1952. 25X1
3. In late November, the Soviet construction detail of about 80 men headed by Captain Laurin was engaged in rolling the surface of the field. [REDACTED] this work was nearing completion. The installation was guarded by double-sentries patrolling the area. Every two or three days, truck [REDACTED] picked up bread at the Judenhahn bakery in Mahlwinkel. A total of 8 to 10 trucks was assigned to the Soviet construction detail at the field. 25X1 25X1
4. On 18 November, [REDACTED] on the Mahlwinkel - Cobbel road a prime mover towing two trailers loaded with cement. About two km before Cobbel, the vehicles left the road toward the airfield. 25X1
5. On 20 November, three trains [REDACTED] each carried cinders to the field which had been levelled and rolled. About 150 25X1

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workers were employed at the installation. A low wooden building and several small sheds obviously used for the storage of construction tools were observed south of the Muhlwinkel-Cobbel road, about 1 1/2 km west of Cobbel. No concreting work was noticed.¹

1. Comment. Construction work at Muhlwinkel airfield is nearing completion. Already in early November, the Paumion in Brandenburg was ordered by the Soviet construction headquarters to have the field completed by 15 December. It is possible that runway mats will have to be laid at the field although the arrival of runway mats has not been observed.

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